UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

STRIKE 3 HOLDINGS, LLC,

Plaintiff,

VS.

JOHN DOE subscriber assigned IP address 107.199.77.48,

Defendant.

Case No.: 3:20-cv-08362-AGT

[PROPOSED] ORDER ON EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO SERVE THIRD PARTY SUBPOENA PRIOR TO A RULE 26(f) CONFERENCE

[AS MODIFIED]

THIS CAUSE came before the Court upon Plaintiff's Ex Parte Application for Leave to Serve a Third-Party Subpoena Prior to a Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f) Conference (the "Application"), and the Court being duly advised does hereby:

FIND, ORDER AND ADJUDGE:

1. Plaintiff has established that "good cause" exists for it to serve a third party subpoena on AT&T U-verse (hereinafter the "ISP"). *See UMG Recording, Inc. v. Doe*, 2008 WL 4104214, *4 (N.D. Cal. 2008); and *Arista Records LLC v. Does 1-19*, 551 F. Supp. 2d 1, 6–7 (D.D.C. 2008);

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	2.	Plaintiff may serve the ISP with a Rule 45 subpoena commanding the ISP to
provide	Plaint	iff with the true name and address of the Defendant to whom the ISP assigned an
IP addr	ess as s	et forth on Exhibit A to the Complaint. Plaintiff shall attach to any such
subpoe	na a co	py of this Order;

- 3. Plaintiff may also serve a Rule 45 subpoena in the same manner as above on any service provider that is identified in response to a subpoena as a provider of Internet services to one of the Defendants;
- 4. If the ISP qualifies as a "cable operator," as defined by 47 U.S.C. § 522(5), which states:

the term "cable operator" means any person or group of persons

- (A) who provides cable service over a cable system and directly or through one or more affiliates owns a significant interest in such cable system, or
- (B) who otherwise controls or is responsible for, through any arrangement, the management and operation of such a cable system.

it shall comply with 47 U.S.C. § 551(c)(2)(B), which states:

A cable operator may disclose such [personal identifying] information if the disclosure is . . . made pursuant to a court order authorizing such disclosure, if the subscriber is notified of such order by the person to whom the order is directed.

by sending a copy of this Order to the Defendant; and

- 5. Plaintiff may only use the information disclosed in response to a Rule 45 subpoena served on the ISP for the purpose of protecting and enforcing Plaintiff's rights as set forth in its Complaint.
- 6. [Modified] Any information disclosed by the ISP regarding Defendant's identity shall be treated as confidential.

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 12, 2021

By:

United States Magistrate Judge
Hon. Alex G. Tse

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